



WEDNESDAY EVENING AUG. 11, 1909.

PROGRESSIVE western republicans are showing an interesting list of western senators and representatives who followed Messrs. Aldrich and Cannon in the late tariff fight, who are said to be marked for slaughter because of their contemptuous disregard of the strong downward revision sentiment of their states and districts. Already the progressive republicans say movements have been begun by the progressive element in the states and districts in question to make sure that the standard senators and representatives are kept at home when the next elections come around. The list of marked men contains some names of note, headed by that of Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriation committee. The progressives who are bent on keeping up the tariff agitation say it will not be allowed to die, but will be kept very much alive by an organized movement on the stump and in the press. The records of the several western senators made during the late tariff contest in Congress will be kept steadily before the people and they will be held up as allies of Mr. Aldrich and the interests. Candidates representing downward revision sentiment will be brought out against each of them and the progressives are confident that in the end their own ranks will be largely increased by the defeat of the standard senators and the filling of their places by honest and courageous revisionists of the Cummins and La Follette type.

THE rapid increase in the expenses of government officials is attracting general attention. The Utica, New York, Observer says in reference to these lavish expenditures:

Abraham Lincoln's yearly salary was \$25,000. William H. Taft wants this amount for traveling expenses alone. Theodore Roosevelt made greater professions of devotion to the people than any preceding president and squeezed more out of them for his personal use. Is the Roosevelt policy to be pursued diligently at the White House in this respect? Is the swing from republican to autocratic political methods, from the modest public servant to the luxurious royal family notions, to be made permanent? If so, no wonder the president insists upon new and odious taxes in order to raise revenue so as to spend money lavishly in luxury. The present tendencies give any party a great opportunity which would take up seriously the economic doctrines of Jefferson, Webster and Tilden and apply them vigorously to governmental administration and expenditure. While we are not quite persuaded that Mr. Taft intends to continue Roosevelt extravagances, there is room for improvement.

THERE has been some comment concerning the holding of three corner's inquests in this city last week, over the remains of the three colored men who were drowned last Monday night while in the river below this city but whose bodies were brought here where the inquests had been held. There were five men in the boat when the accident occurred and three were drowned, the two survivors being the only witnesses of the tragedy. The bodies were recovered on different days, each was brought to this city, for each an inquest was held with a different jury but always with the same two witnesses, and, in each case, the same verdict was rendered. Naturally the question is asked: Would not one have sufficed? Besides, the drowning occurred beyond the city's jurisdiction and it is contended by many that it was in no wise incumbent upon the city authorities to hold any inquest at all.

WHEN Mr. Bryan in his letter of acceptance said that the republican party was impotent to revise the tariff downward in the interest of the consumer because that party owed its election to the interests that opposed such relief, the average republican consumer did not believe the statement. Now, since the upward revision, he admits that Mr. Bryan was right and that he was duped.

The crop report shows that the harvest of winter wheat is likely to be only a trifle less than last year, while the condition figures for spring wheat are far higher than a year ago or than the average at this time for ten years. The corn and oats conditions are fine. Rains throughout Texas have improved the cotton prospect very materially. Of course all these gratifying facts will be attributed to the new tariff.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Aug. 11.—A more hopeful view of the situation between Bolivia and Peru resulting from the Argentine boundary award is taken in official advice received at the State Department today. Despatches from La Paz and Lima indicate a more pacific attitude on both sides. It is now probable that President-elect Villanueva will be installed tomorrow without the coup d'état on the part of President Monte. It is practically certain that he will appoint as his secretary of war Gen. Pardo, who is known to favor a pacific course. Pardo is now the head

News of the Day.

The wholesale price of ice has been reduced from \$5 to \$3.

John Simpson, a well-known farmer of Scottsville, Ky., was called out of bed to the door of his home by a mob of six masked men Monday night and shot to death.

Lieutenant-General von Elenen, Prussian Minister of war, resigned today and was immediately appointed by the Kaiser as commander of the Seventh army corps.

Mr. Taft on his visit to Texas may cross the bridge at El Paso and call on President Diaz on Mexican soil, the latter returning the visit to Mr. Taft on American ground.

Edward Needles Bentley died yesterday at his home, Olverly, at Sandy Spring, Md., in his fifty-fifth year. He was a son of the late Richard T. Bentley, of Sandy Spring, and a grandson of the late John Needles, of Baltimore.

The three-story warehouse and stables owned by the Potter's Express Company in Camden, N. J., was gutted by fire this morning. Thirty-five horses and all goods stored in the building were lost. The loss will probably reach \$50,000.

A dispatch from Mellila says the Moors made another unsuccessful attack on the Spanish garrison here today. The position of General Marina is now to be impregnable. He has 40,000 troops and plenty of ammunition and food supplies.

Two nuns, walking from Montreal convent to pay a visit to Park Laval yesterday were overtaken by a train on a bridge a short distance from the city. Terror-stricken they leaped to the rapids 40 feet below, and were drowned. The train bore a party of pilgrims bound for the shrine of St. Anne Beauséjour, below Quebec.

Cuba's hope of trapping a rich harvest from "American investors" in the new Cuban national lottery received a severe setback today when it was announced that the United States postal authorities would probably exercise a close supervision of mails consigned to Cuba to see that they contained no remittances for lottery tickets.

For two hours yesterday the people of Clay Center, Kas., were terrorized by 11 elephants which escaped from a show and stampeded through the streets. The trouble started when a small dog bit the leg of one of the elephants. The beast at once began to trumpet and, breaking from its keeper, ran away. Ten other elephants followed. Before the animals were finally captured a showman was seriously hurt.

Wallace Miller, a negro, who Monday afternoon attacked Lulu Waddington, the eleven-year-old daughter of Thomas Waddington, a prominent Trigg county Ky., farmer, was lynched Monday night by a mob of fifty men. The mob took him from the brothers of the girl, who were carrying the negro to jail at Odell, and strung him up in front of Mount Taber Church. The girl had gone from her home to the rural mail box, 400 yards away, when the negro accosted her.

Bullets flew yesterday as a result of the dock strike at Fort William, Ont. The police began a search of steamers for men hiding and when some of those found resisted and called for help from their comrades the police dragged them out to the street and, it is alleged, opened fire on them, wounding a number in the group. The police charged upon the crowd and dragged the ringleaders of the strike to the police station. Signals have been given by the pickets to the strikers to gather and more trouble is expected. "We'd rather die than leave Fort William and will shoot men who take our places," shouted one leader.

Young Miss Marie Behrend is dead and six persons are badly cut and bruised as the result of the collision of the automobile of Charles H. Shultz with a wealthy retail business man, with a telephone pole near Jersey City, N. J., early today. The Behrend girl was pinned under the machine when it turned turtle after the collision. Several firemen were injured and more than \$200,000 loss was occasioned at Lynn, Mass., early today by a fire that destroyed two large factories of the A. J. Hoffman & Co. Leather Company. The blaze, which is believed to have been of incendiary origin, also destroyed a number of small dwelling houses.

Virginia News.

The annual convention of the Sheriff's and Sergeant's Association of Virginia began yesterday in Norfolk.

Fletcher Chapel, the handsome new Methodist church in King George county will be dedicated next Sunday.

A number of citizens held a meeting in Fredericksburg yesterday to look into the question of establishing a creamery in that city.

Charles A. Smith of Middleburg, Loudoun county, died Sunday after a lingering illness in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He leaves a wife.

Ed. Orazin, a professional jockey, while schooling a horse over the steeplechase at Front Royal yesterday was thrown and had his arm broken and shoulder and face badly lacerated.

At a meeting Monday night of the executive committee of the Anti-Slavery League of Roanoke it was voted to ask for a local option election for Roanoke, and petitions soliciting signatures of the freeholders will at once be circulated.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to James M. Howard, of Barcroft, and Laura V. Rice, of Glen Carlin, and to J. Kirkbridge Tavenner, and Mary E. Milbourn, both of Philmont.

Mr. Robert Neville of Upperville, owner of Pelham farm, has sold to A. Henry Higginson, of Boston, the 5-year-old bay gelding, S. R. Wooster, by imported Arlington, out of Lady Wooster. The purchase price was \$4,500.

The board of directors of the Bristol Young Men's Christian Association which recently completed a hundred-thousand-dollar home, last night demanded the resignation of President Henry Roberts because he voted the wet ticket in the recent local option election in Bristol.

Suffering from several broken ribs and internal hemorrhages, Robert Haymaker, a well-known business man of Winchester, lies in a critical condition, with but a fighting chance to recover. He was pinned under a great mass of junk yesterday afternoon when the second floor of a large warehouse collapsed while he was inspecting rags. Buried in the ruins, he was extricated with great difficulty in an unconscious condition, on Monday he attended the funeral of his partner, George W. Grim, and remarked that he did not expect to live long.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., Aug. 11.—Wheat 85-105

Today's Telegraphic News

Avenge Double Crime.

New York, Aug. 11.—"He killed my brother and my cousin. For eight months I have tracked him day and night. Last night I shot him; I hope he dies." today moaned Amato Santanelli, a 17-year-old boy, who came from Italy to avenge his brother's murder, shot down his brother's slayer and himself cut into ribbons by his wounded adversary.

Six years ago Chamarino Santanelli and Terigo Santanelli were shot down from behind at the entrance of the Mulberry Bend Park, their murderer using a shot gun loaded with slugs. Lieutenant Petrosino, who was later murdered in Palermo by Black Handers, arrested Rafael Gascone, Gascone's brother, Dominico, who aided in the murder, fled to Sicily.

Gascone was convicted and sentenced to death. On his second trial he was acquitted, laying all the blame on his brother, who had fled to Sicily. He was released from the Tombs November 10, 1907, and in summer clothes and barefooted, walked through the snow to the Church of Our Lady of Carmel to atone for his crime.

In Italy relatives of Gascone's victims swore vengeance. An elder brother of Chamarino Santanelli came to America to kill Gascone. Petrosino beat him up with a black jack and sent him back to Italy.

Amato Santanelli was 11 years old when his brother and cousin were killed. He took the oath of vengeance and waited long until he was big enough to come to America and slay his brother's slayer.

Last night Gascone walked in front of his all-night cafe on Mulberry street. Amato was behind him. In a twinkling the boy had fired five shots into his body. Gascone fell, mortally wounded. Detectives caught Amato and brought him back to face his dying victim. Gascone, wounded and dead, leaped to his feet and drew a dirk, slashing the handcuffed boy across the face and maiming him for life. If, indeed, he can live, for the wounded man plunged the dirk several times into his side.

Today, Gascone is lying at a hospital, Amato in another hospital is moaning out a prayer that Gascone dies.

Adroit Reply of Greece.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—A special meeting of the cabinet today began the consideration of Greece's reply to Turkey's note concerning the status of Crete. The reply is declared to be so adroitly drawn, denying any intention of usurping Turkey's suzerainty over Crete and leaving the disposition of the island to the powers, that there is little chance of Turkey filing an objection to it for fear of an adverse answer by the powers.

Greece's sincerity in the reply was questioned by several of the cabinet officers, though Foreign Minister Rifiast Pasha, took a leading part in counseling against a continuation of the agitation.

Paris, Aug. 11.—Loutfi Bey, the Turkish consul general to Paris, declared today that Turkey had made her last concession to Greece in the matter of Crete's status. "The public opinion in Turkey is undoubtedly in favor of a firm stand regarding Crete," declared Loutfi, "and the government must act in accordance with this opinion or it will fall within a few hours."

"The Turks will resort to arms if necessary to retain their suzerainty over Crete. They are daily becoming more belligerent and cannot be held in check if either Greece or the powers act adversely regarding Crete. The boycott on Greek goods is now almost complete in Turkey."

Tugboat Sinks.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 11.—The United States government tug Nezahcote, Captain Thomas Evans, bound from Portsmouth, N. H., to Boston, was struck by a heavy sea about five miles off Lanesville, Cape Ann, early today. The tug sank almost in several fathoms of water. Captain Evans and five others, who were on board, are supposed to have been drowned. Seven people, including the captain's wife and son, reached Lanesville in a boat. The tug left Portsmouth at 3 o'clock, and was making good headway when a giant sea struck her and keeled her over.

Later reports indicate that Captain Evans, Surgeon Trotter and three members of the crew may yet be saved. They were last seen on a life-raft, being blown to sea, and a score of vessels have put out to their rescue. There is a probability that they can be found and saved.

Boston, Aug. 11.—A plain Evans was rescued soon after the wreck and with one of the crew was landed at Lanesville. Captain Evans and his lone companion clung to a piece of wreckage and were picked up by the Gloucester Life Saving crew, which started out after the news of the Nezahcote's loss reached Lanesville. This leaves four still missing who are believed to have safely drowned.

Attempts to Reduce the President.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 11.—Every thing else having failed him, President Taft also employed a fat-reducing measure in a desperate effort to check the onward march of his avoirdupois.

Dr. Walker is the measure and he has from Boston. He visited Evans' cottage, the summer White House, this morning before breakfast as he has for several mornings past and will continue to do indefinitely if his "sure cure for obesity" succeeds. For more than half an hour Walker applied him to the 325 pounds that make up the president—and this is official, despite the usual quotation of 300 pounds. He kneaded the mighty chest of the chief executive, attacked his expansive abdomen, massaged the huge biceps and kept bravely on untimely fold of presidential fat had been assailed. Then the president in a decided negligence, was taken to the rear yard of the cottage, where other fat-fading stunts that required more exertion on his part and less from the exhausted doctor, were gone through with.

If Dr. Walker can send Mr. Taft back to Washington in the fall, trim and sprightly at some point short of 300 pounds, he will probably be in line for a permanent berth in Washington.

AN UNSATISFACTORY PIANO.

If you have a piano that is not satisfactory you can have it exchanged for a new Weaver Piano. Ask the manufacturers, or their nearest agent, for a proposition for an exchange.

WEAVER ORGAN & PIANO CO. Manufacturers, York, Pa. W. L. Whitson, Sole Agent, 611-613 King Street, Alexandria.

Kaiser Claims Election.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Aug. 11.—It is claimed by Mr. Koerner this afternoon that he is 63 votes ahead and that he is nominated for Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Brown denies this but gives no figures. Several counties are still missing. It begins to look like Koerner, but it is altogether probable the losing man will make a contest.

The Sutton Inquiry.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 11.—After the minutes of yesterday's session had been read today the judge advocates said: "I would like to have it appear on the record, in connection with private Kennedy's previous testimony, as to who was on duty at the hospital on the night of the fight. I now say that I am willing to summon private Higgins from Honolulu or any other where climate."

A ripple of laughter passed around the room. Kennedy had testified that he relieved Higgins about the time the fight between the officers began but the Sutton attorneys indicated that they would not trouble the government to summon Higgins at this late juncture, evidently believing Higgins' testimony, perhaps cooperative of Kennedy's, was not so important. James M. Wilde, an undertaker, who embalmed Sutton's body after the post-mortem described the cut scalp made by the surgeon's knife and went minutely into the embalming process but was unable to say whether Sutton's arm was broken, the purpose for which he was called. He noticed a bruise on the cheek, but on account of the condition of the scalp, could not tell of the wounds there.

Several witnesses were then called to verify the stenographic record of former testimony. During this period it developed that the record of the present Sutton inquiry has now reached more than 1,800 typewritten pages as compared with a record of 38 pages before the former inquest which resulted in a verdict that Sutton committed suicide. It is understood that the Sutton attorneys will press this point in substantiation of their charge of an incomplete first inquiry and will urge on account of this and other reasons, a reversal of its verdict.

Two directly opposite versions as to the character and disposition of the dead Lieut. James N. Sutton were told to the naval board today. Dr. Gilbert E. Coleman, who, with Mrs. Mary Stewart, was the companion of Sutton before he began the fatal auto ride with his brother officers, declared him to be of a lovable cheery disposition, and that he was especially happy during the several hours they sat in the assembly room on the night of the tragedy. A few minutes later his testimony promising sensations, Lieut. Allen Sumner, summoned from Norfolk, took the stand and declared that Sutton was a man to be avoided, was over-bearing and would not tell the truth.

Lieutenant Sumner, it developed, was brought into the case because of the finding, among Sutton's effects, of a visiting card on the back of which was written an apology signed by him. The message ran: "Sutton, I am a damn fool. Call the gun business off. (Signed) Sumner."

Sumner was asked to explain the circumstances of this unique message, which evidently represented the amicable settlement of a challenge to fight. In explanation, Sumner declared that a year before Sutton's death the latter had challenged him to a duel. The quarrel, he said, occurred while he and Sutton were drinking in a Washington hotel.

At that time neither of the men cared to apologize first and they evolved a plan of both writing an apology at the same moment. Unfortunately, he said, he lost Sutton's apology and Sutton must have kept his.

Strike-breakers Invade Sweden

London, Aug. 11.—Despite the warning of the British boards of trade, several ship-loads more of English strike-breakers left Hull today for Sweden. The strike-breakers were warned that they would incur heavy personal risks in going to Sweden and would find the doors of organized labor forever closed to them on their return to England, but the warning is apparently dissuading none.

Swedish agents are busy with the masses of English unemployed and are finding thousands who are so anxious to work that they will willingly accept any risk. Messages from Stockholm today declare that while the situation there and in other Swedish cities is improved, the rural districts are causing the greatest apprehension. Hundreds of farm-hands have responded to the appeal of the strike-leaders, and farmers were never before so short of harvesters.

Conditions in Stockholm itself are declared to be nearly normal. The Gothenburg correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette today declares that the strike in Sweden is a complete failure. He says workmen in all trades are rapidly retreating to work and that the newspapers are again being published, though in reduced sizes.

Arranging for the Fight.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Sam Berger, representing J. J. Jeffries, and Jack Johnson at 12:45 p. m. had verbally agreed upon terms for a fight between Johnson and Jeffries for the heavy-weight championship of the world. The only thing at issue now in the phraseology of the articles. It is expected that both parties will sign the articles by 3 p. m. when the terms will be made public. Johnson yielded on every point demanded by Berger except the size of the side bet. Berger yielded on this point.

Articles of agreement for a match for the heavy-weight championship of the world were signed at 12:7 p. m. by representation of Jack Johnson and J. J. Jeffries.

Summer Resort Destroyed.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Dynamiting early today stopped the spread of flames that had wiped out practically the entire business summer resort in Iello, the fashionable summer resort in Sullivan county, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000. Hundreds of summer colonists are temporarily homeless, and have lost all personal belongings. A band of looters who appeared on the scene, when baggage and furniture from the burning buildings was piled high in the streets, was driven from the town by a sheriff's posse after several hand-to-hand fights. Most of the looters were negroes. Monticello has a normal population of 2,000, but the summer residents augment the number to 7,000.

Averse to Socialism.

Pittsburg, Aug. 11.—Delegates to the American Federation of Catholic societies and Catholics in general are roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm and excitement, following the address on socialism of professor J. C. Monaghan, in which he declared that if it were necessary Cardinal Gibbons and every priest in the country would melt the sacred vessels of the altar to provide a fund for the defense of the United States. "My objection to socialism," said Professor Monaghan, "is that the policy is disloyal to this country. We will not stand for revolution, but we want evolution under the law. Men who have achieved success did not waste their time with lamentations, like some of our socialists of today. If the socialists would look more for opportunity than they do for a chance to stir up discontent, they would be more worth while."

Edward G. Feeney, of Brooklyn, was elected national president. New Orleans was chosen as the convention for 1910.

The Murder of Anna Schumacher.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 11.—A pair of trousers have today become an important clue in the hunt for the murderer of 17-year-old Anna Schumacher on last Saturday afternoon. They were found late yesterday lying in a patch of woods not far from the scene of the crime. The story of a farmer, who reported that a man, with his face scratched, had come to his home on Sunday morning and had asked him for a pair of trousers, saying that his own had been torn when he hopped from a train on which he had been traveling, led to the discovery. The trousers are not torn, but appear blood-stained.

Attempted Assassination.

Belgrade, via Samlo, Aug. 31.—The attempted assassination of Crown Prince Alexander by his brother, Prince George is openly charged today by many persons here as the result of a bomb explosion near the Crown Prince's house.

A suspect, arrested immediately after the explosion, confessed that he fired the bomb and said that Prince George hired him to do it. When confronted by the prisoner's confession, Prince George admitted that he had hired him but declared that he was merely testing a new explosive. With this explanation the police dropped the inquiry, as royal pressure was immediately brought to bear.

Postmaster Killed Burglar.

Mickleton, N. J., Aug. 11.—Postmaster Isaac P. Haines, awakened early today by a burglar alarm in his store, shot and killed Harry Melton, whom he found packing up loot from the store. Haines telephoned Prosecutor Rogers, of Woodbury, to know if he was to be arrested, and was told that he was not wanted. Instead he was commended for his act. Coroner Leggett's jury exonerated Haines. Sheriff Wilson's home at Woodbury was robbed recently, Melton was wearing the sheriff's coat when he was killed. Melton came from Clarksville.

French Landlords Aroused.

Paris, Aug. 11.—French landlords started a movement today for concerted opposition to the bill providing a penalty for refusing to rent apartments to families with children. The bill will be voted on at the next meeting of Parliament. If passed, many owners of luxurious apartment houses, built especially for childless families, say they will suffer great loss. The bill provides a fine of from 25 to 50 francs of landlords who argue the number of children for refusing to rent their apartments, and a doubling of the fine for continued offenses.

Explosion of a Meteor.

Winnipeg, Conn., Aug. 11.—Hundreds of citizens in this vicinity were awakened early today by a terrible explosion. Spruce D. Woodworth, a night policeman, stated that the noise was caused by a meteor. He said that about 2:30 o'clock the heavens were lighted by a ball of fire, which came out of the northwest, passed over the Methodist Church steeple and disappeared. A few seconds later he heard the explosion. The spot where the supposed meteor struck has not been located.

Suicide of Chess Player.

Leipzig, Aug. 11.—The body of M. Swiderski, the noted chess player who committed suicide on August 2, was found today in the room where he had first poisoned himself and then fired a bullet into his head. The body was badly decomposed. The fate of the suicide was determined by a note left by Swiderski. Swiderski was recently convicted of perjury in a trial that involved him in a disgraceful scandal.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 11.—A reactionary tendency marked the trading this morning. Reading, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and steel common were forced down from one to two points below yesterday's highest level. The decline after the first hour was generally fractional and without importance except as indicating a tendency by important interests to force a moderate reaction. Stocks controlled by such interests sustained the greatest losses.

CHOSE DEATH TO DISGRACE.

Having been traced to Keystone, W. Va., by her husband and found in company with another man, rather than return home and face the disgrace, Mrs. Ramsey, wife of King L. Ramsey, a wealthy coal operator, of Williamson, Monday night blew out her brains with a revolver. Mrs. Ramsey, infatuated with William Hughes, a young ballplayer, went to Keystone early Monday morning. They secured rooms at the Keystone Inn, and it was there that his wife's unfaithfulness. After an hour's conversation with his wife in the parlor, Ramsey went down stairs and a moment later Mrs. Ramsey fired the fatal shot. Her remains were sent to Craig county, Virginia, yesterday.

SHARK IN FISHER'S NET.

An elephant shark, said to be the first ever caught along the Jersey coast, was captured at sea yesterday by Cook and Smith's crew and landed on the beach at Galilee after a sharp fight. Captain Daniel Gaskin was in charge of the crew that made the lift of the monster. The fishing monster did not take kindly to the prangs in the hands of the fishermen and the men finally had to land him in the sea skiff. The shark weighed fully 1,000 pounds and was 12 feet long.

JEALOUS HUSBAND'S WRATH

A hypocrite, his neighbor's wife, suspicion, jealousy, a husband's tale of the wife's awakening to her shame and cry for vengeance, husband and wife alone with the other man, the victim with the lives of ten men in the hollow of his hand; two deadly shots, the hypocrite lying dead; the ten men saved only by chance from a fall to the bottom of a 900-foot shaft.

These are elements in the killing yesterday of Philip Richards, engineer at No. 4 colliery of the Kingston Coal Company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The man who shot him is Michael Babb, of Edwardsville. Babb says that Richards had hypnotized Mrs. Babb, and had not spared her while she was thus in his power.

"She understood the evil influence he exercised over her," said Babb, "and she would have killed him if I did not. It was to save her that I did it; to save her from the additional shame and disgrace of committing murder."

Mrs. Babb denies that her relations with Richards were anything but honest. Mrs. Babb is excited. Babb is cool. Richards had a reputation as a hypocrite and often practiced his art for the entertainment of his friends. Mrs. Babb left her home with her husband, went with him to the engine room in which Richards worked and was the only witness to the crime.

Richards ran the engine which lowered the cage in which the miners went down into the deep shaft. He was letting ten men down when Babb entered the engine room. Richards' hand was on the lever.

A headlong plunge of nearly a thousand feet through the darkness might be the fate of ten men if he relaxed his vigilance a moment.

Babb apparently forgot the other lives depending on that of the man he had marked for death. He fired two shots. One bored Richards' brain and the other pierced his heart.

Fortunately the cage had reached the bottom of the shaft and the ten men had got off. But the last one had hardly stepped to the gangway when the cage was seen to shoot up into the darkness. Some men on the surface who heard Babb's shots ran into the engine room and at once looked to the engine. They threw over the lever and stopped the cage.

Babb was badly beaten by the miners before he was turned over to the police.

THE FARMERS.

The sixth annual session of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute was called to order yesterday morning at the University of Virginia by the president, Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg. Addresses of welcome were made by Professor Ormond Stone, for the University of Virginia, in the absence of President Alderman, and by Mayor Haden in behalf of the city. The response in behalf of the institute was by President Davis who advised the farmers to fight hostile interests, to seek aid from skilled agriculturists, to foster live stock and to purchase by co-operation. He also advocated better highways.

A feature of the afternoon session was the discussion of "Irish Potato Growing," led by W. W. Spool, of Middlebrook, president of the State Horticultural Society. Representative Charles T. Laster, of Petersburg, and P. S. Julian Wilson, state road commissioner, told of the great progress made in road building and of the intense interest evinced in the question all over the state.

Interesting papers were read by Prof. W. F. Massey on "Farm Management and Land Improvement," and by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Joseph D. Eggleston, state superintendent of public instruction, and Prof. T. G. Wood, of Burkeville, on "Agricultural Education in the State."

Dr. Barringer predicted that unless the farmers of Virginia wake up outsiders will soon own the best lands in the State and the children of the present Virginia land owners will be long before working for them. "If the price of foodstuffs continues upward," said Dr. Barringer, the trusts are to be better known in the south, for they are to be our neighbors."

Addresses on "The Agricultural Development of the State" were delivered by Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the Agricultural Department, Washington, and by Mr. T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville.

Last night the several hundred farmers listened to an illustrated lecture on "The Fruit Industry of the State and how to build it up," by Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of the Virginia experiment station.

THE LAWYERS.

The annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar Association began at Hot Springs yesterday.

President Mierjish Woods, of Charlottesville, delivered his address. The committee on recommendation of officers for the ensuing year and for obituaries for distinguished members who have died during the year 1908 appointed yesterday will submit their reports today. The executive committee, headed by George O. Gregory, recommended that the next meeting be held in conjunction with the Maryland Bar Association. The committee also brought out a report on expert testimony in murder cases. It became evident from the report that there is much dissatisfaction with developments in recent notorious cases, and it was proposed to have the legislative committee introduce measures which will prevent biased expert testimony.

George Oakley, of Lynchburg, read one interesting paper on "The Trial of John Brown," treated from the southern point of view.

There was no afternoon session and the night session was quickly concluded to make ready for the reception which terminated the first day of the sessions.

Judge George L. Christian, of Richmond; former State Senator W. McMillan, of Petersburg, and Joshua Ballitt, of Big Stone Gap, are mentioned as possible choices for president.

Guarded like a Russian princess, Ella Gingles, the young Irish lacemaker who figured in the recent sensational trial at Chicago, was today escorted aboard the liner Cammuel, which will carry her from New York to her home in Ireland. A body guard of New York members of the Society of Orlengans accompanied the girl to the pier in a closed cab. The other guard of Orlengans took charge of her. They turned her over to another group on the vessel.